2850 Claflin Avenue New York 63, NY. May 20, 1948

Dr. J. Lederberg Dept. of Genetics Univ. of Wisconsin Madison, Wisc.

Dear Sir:

In a recent conversation with Dr. F. Ryan of Columbia he informed me that you are offering several fellowships in bacterial-genetics for which he believed I'd be suited, and so advised me to write to you in connection with them.

I am a graduate of Columbia College, having received my A.B. degree in June 1947. I have studied chemistry thru organic and quant. anal., biology thru Dr. Dobzhansky's graduate genetics and Prof. Barth's graduate embryology, and mathematics thru integral calculus.

I would appreciate hearing from you as to the exact nature of the position, and would like at the same time to lodge my formal application.

Yours truly,

Norton Zinder